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For: HEALTH PLAN MANAGEMENT METHOD AND APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Frenel:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2008, Applicant hereby petitions the Patent Office to extend the time to submit this Response by three months to March 30, 2009. Please reconsider the patent application in view of the amended claims and remarks presented hereinafter, which are submitted as a full and complete response to the aforementioned Office Action.

Claims 2-13, 15-16, and 41-52, are in the subject patent application. Applicant cancels without prejudice claims 1, 14, and 29-40 and amends claims 2-6, and 15-16 herein. Applicant also adds new claims 41-52 herein.

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